

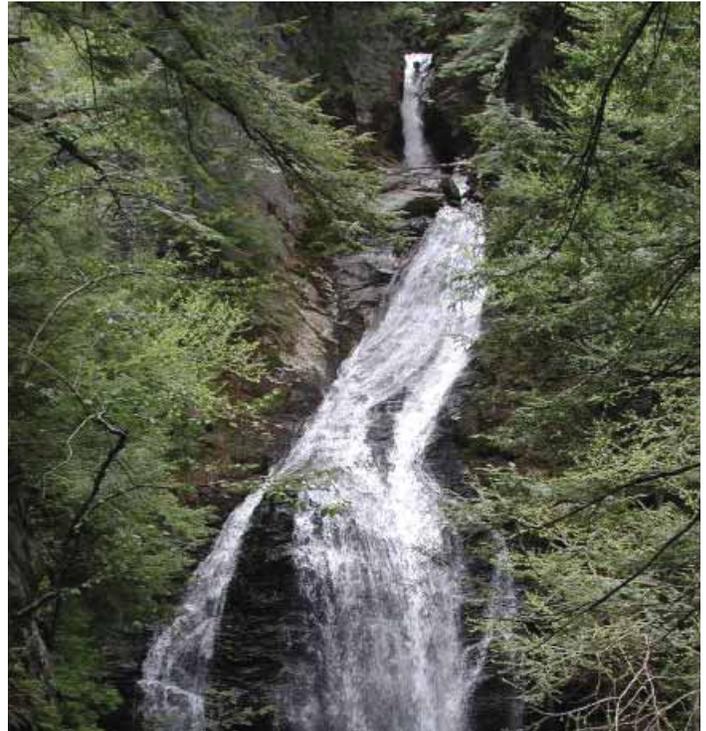


## Black Falls Basin Acquisition, VT

LWCF Funding Assistance: \$407,000

### An Icon of Public Access

In 2001, there was one last chance to secure 3764 acres along the northern corridor of Vermont's Long Trail. Two attempts in the 1990s to acquire the Black Falls Basin had failed—the second time when Land and Water Conservation Funds were unavailable. Drawing on more than 20 public and private funding sources, including the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the Green Mountain Club completed the largest single land acquisition it had ever undertaken. The acquisition protected a wilderness experience for Long Trail hikers and important wildlife habitat.



*Built by the Green Mountain Club between 1910 and 1930, the Long Trail follows the main ridge of the Green Mountains from the Massachusetts-Vermont line to the Canadian border as it crosses Vermont's highest peaks.*

"The oldest long-distance trail in the U.S. and inspiration for the Appalachian Trail, the Long Trail runs along the highest ridges of the Green Mountains and is visible from almost every community in Vermont. For Vermont citizens and more than 200,000 hikers yearly, it is an icon of public access in the Vermont landscape."

*Ben Rose, Executive Director  
Green Mountain Club*

